



RETIREES' ASSOCIATION
OF MOHAWK COLLEGE

Annual General Meeting

Friday, June 7, 2024

Bert Hares Board Room (i131), Fennell Campus

MINUTES

In attendance: There were 26 individuals present, including 8 Board Members. A quorum was achieved.

Board of Directors: Liz Aldrey, Debbie Bruce, Jackie Donnelly, Kate Kemp, Marilyn McDermott, Neil McMahon, Marilyn Micucci, Margaret Thurston

Regrets: Rosemarie DeRubeis

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Marilyn McDermott, who acted as chair for the meeting.

1. Welcome and Review of the Agenda

Marilyn McDermott warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited everyone around the table to introduce themselves.

Moved by Liz Aldrey, seconded by Margaret Thurston that the agenda be approved.
Carried.

2. Greetings from the College

Trish Loomis, Vice President, Communications & External Affairs, brought greetings from the College. She expressed appreciation to RAMC for its support and ongoing work with Mohawk. She believes the relationship will continue and that there will be ongoing growth. RAMC is highly regarded by the President's office, and she strongly believes that this will continue under the newly appointed President, Paul Armstrong.

There will be 12 Convocations in June, starting on June 17 and continuing for 4 days. Some retirees have volunteered to assist with these. There will be opportunities to volunteer at the Fall Convocation as well.

Some important milestones have been achieved:

- Mohawk is the leading Post Secondary institution in Canada with a Climate Action Plan.
- A School of Climate Action has been established with new programming and developing leadership in this area.
- An Off Campus Residence is being established in Downtown Hamilton to relieve some of the housing crisis.

- In November, Cheyanne Hammell, a Mohawk graduate, was recognized as one of the 2023 Premier's Award recipients. Cheyanne was recognized in the field of Technology. These awards honour college leaders and graduates who have made important contributions to Ontario's postsecondary system.
- The Mountaineers Varsity Clubs have done exceptionally well this year, and are running a campaign to raise resources. Wendy Schilling, Directory of Philanthropy, ran a tailgate party outside the David Braley Athletic Centre. About 200 staff attended, raising about \$2,000.
- There are many events and performances that will take place at the McIntyre Theatre. One of these is "Early Morning Rain: The Legend of Gordon Lightfoot" that is scheduled for Saturday, November 23, 2024.
- The 46th Anniversary Challenge is ongoing with former President, Keith McIntyre, offering to match donations up to \$20,000.

3. Update on Bursaries and Donations – Marilyn McDermott

Gena Dureault has retired from Mohawk College. Her work with RAMC was gratefully acknowledged. She assisted with a Zoom Webinar, supported in Event Planning, and was a champion for retirees within the Foundation. Her replacement has not been chosen yet.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous AGM held October 11, 2023

Moved by Keith Bates and seconded by Marilyn Micucci that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated October 11, 2023 be approved as circulated. Carried.

5. Membership Report

Marilyn Micucci delivered the membership report on behalf of Rosemarie DeRubeis. The membership fee remained the same this year - \$15 for membership in RAMC (which supports the RAMC Bursaries and Scholarships) and \$10 for OCRA. As of March 31, 2024, there were 155 members with 6 new retiree memberships pending. Mohawk College pays the first year of membership for each retiring employee. OCRA Membership continues and is now free of charge after 20 years of paid membership. There are 18 Mohawk retirees in this category. This year "Perks" were again offered to retirees through the program set up for alumni. Ninety-nine members took advantage of these Perks, but it is unclear as to how many actually used them.

6. Treasurer's Report

Marilyn Micucci reviewed the Treasurer's report.

Moved by Marilyn Micucci seconded by Tina Brajic that the Statement of Revenue and Expenses for April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 be accepted as circulated. Carried.

7. Greetings and Update from OCRA

Marilyn McDermott brought greetings from the Ontario Colleges Retirees' Association (OCRA). The role of OCRA is to advocate for all College retirees around pension and benefits. There is a new president of the OCRA Board who has been relentlessly building its role and effectiveness in the past year.

8. In Memoriam

Neil McMahon honoured the memory of College retirees who had died over the past year and read their names aloud. A minute of silence followed.

9. Year in Review

Some of the events of the past year were highlighted.

- The April 19th Technology Celebration at the Stoney Creek Campus.
- The positive relationship between the College's Wendy Makey and RAMC Board and members
- Alumni Perks
- Board Projects – revised By Laws, updating the website, establishing an archive
- Publishing a quality, informative newsletter

10. Nominations for Board of Directors for 2024-2025

Marilyn McDermott presented the proposed slate of RAMC Board of Directors and their responsibilities for 2024/25. It was noted that there were some vacancies, and nominations would be accepted from the floor.

- Chair - vacant
- Vice Chair – Neil McMahon, with responsibility for College liaison
- Kate Kemp, Secretary
- Liz Aldrey, Newsletter
- Marilyn McDermott, Communications, shared Membership role with Margaret Thurston
- Jackie Donnelly, Member of the Newsletter team
- Margaret Thurston, Treasurer, and shared Membership role with Marilyn McDermott
- Debbie Bruce, responsibility for Proofing

Jim Thurston opened the floor for nominations to the Board. No additional nominations were received. A motion to close the nominations was made by Keith Bates and seconded by Geoff Brooker. A vote was taken and the proposed slate of officers was approved.

11. New Board of Directors for 2024-2025

Please refer to the slate of officers listed under Item 10.

Sincere appreciation was expressed to Marilyn Micucci and Rosemarie DeRubeis for their service on the RAMC Board.

12. Other Business

12.1 Amendments to Bylaws

Moved by Margaret Thurston and seconded by Debbie Bruce to approve the updated bylaws of the Retirees' Association of Mohawk College (RAMC) dated May 1, 2024. Carried.

These Bylaws will be available on the website once there is assurance that the document meets Accessibility requirements.

13. Motion to Adjourn.

Moved by Neil McMahon, seconded by Geoff Brooker to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

Adjournment: 1:15 p.m.

Guided tours were provided for interested individuals.